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AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, Line 4 and ending at Page 1, Line 13:

The present invention is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/564,740, filed May 4, 2000 which claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/132,622, filed May 5, 1999, and entitled AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE BATTERY CHARGING SYSTEM; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/165,208, filed November 12, 1999, and entitled ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE; and Provisional Application Serial No. 60/175,762, filed January 12, 2000, and entitled ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-16.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the first Official Action and prior to calculating the fees for the application.

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(f), the filing fee will be filed separately. A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of October 29, 2001 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

Claims 2-16 have been canceled with this Amendment.